IT'S A HIT TO THE LEFT FIELD——!
CHAPTER 43 NOT YET...
UKYOU... CAN HE MAKE IT TO SECOND BASE...?
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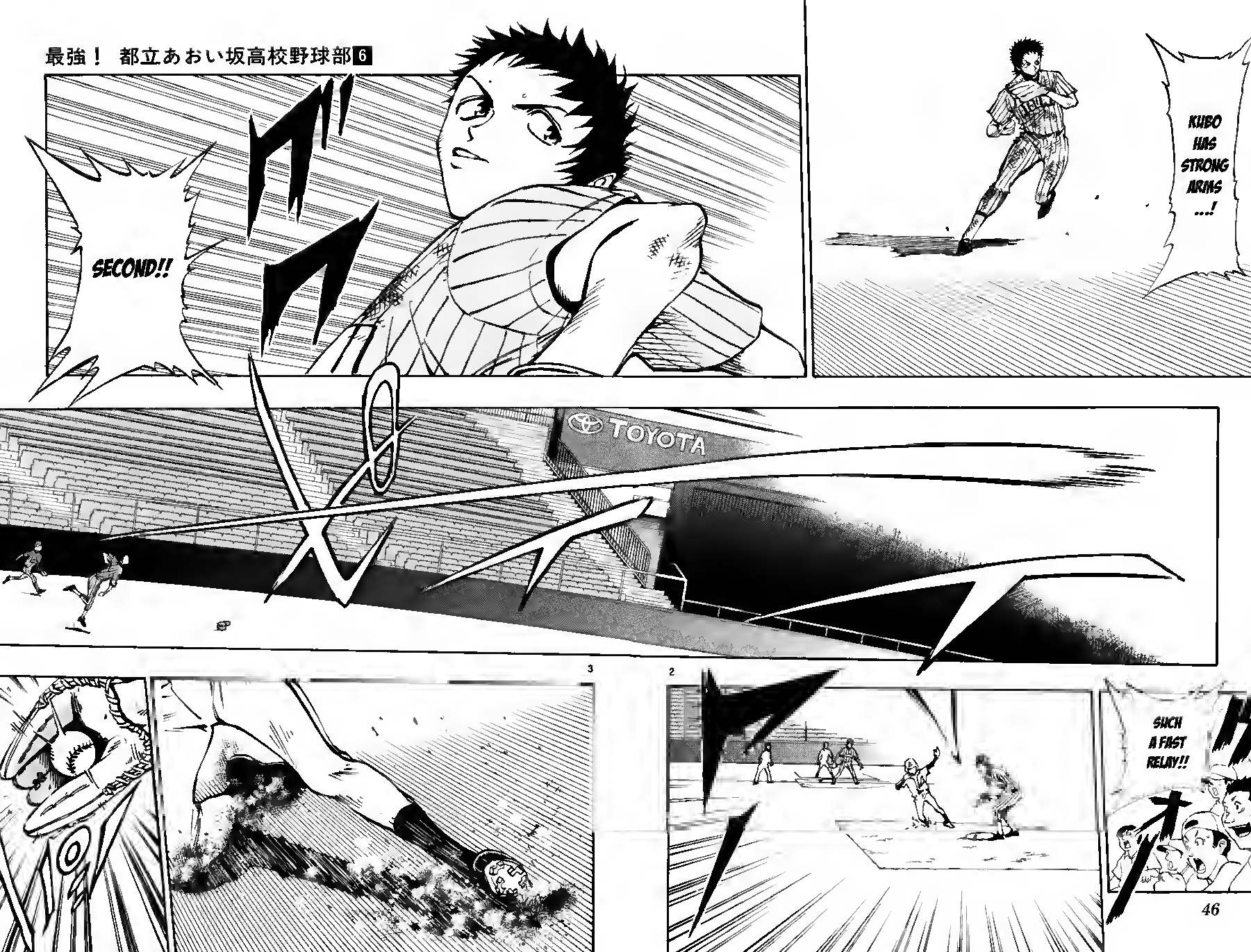
... UKYOU.
... IT'S A TRICKY SITUA-TION!!


SECOND!!
KUBO HAS STRONG ARMS ...!
TOYOTA
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SUCH A FAST RELAY!!

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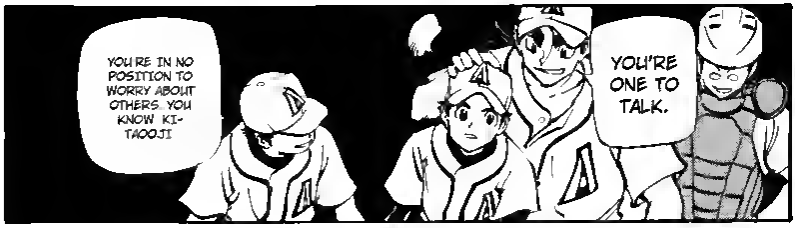
UKYOU —!
YOU'RE THE PITCHER TODAY,
DON'T OVERDO IT—!


YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO WORRY ABOUT OTHERS. YOU KNOW KI-TAOOJI
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK.

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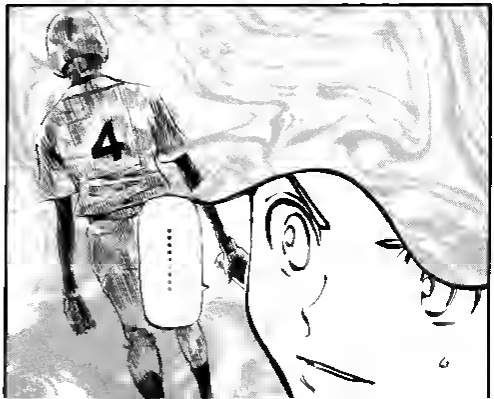
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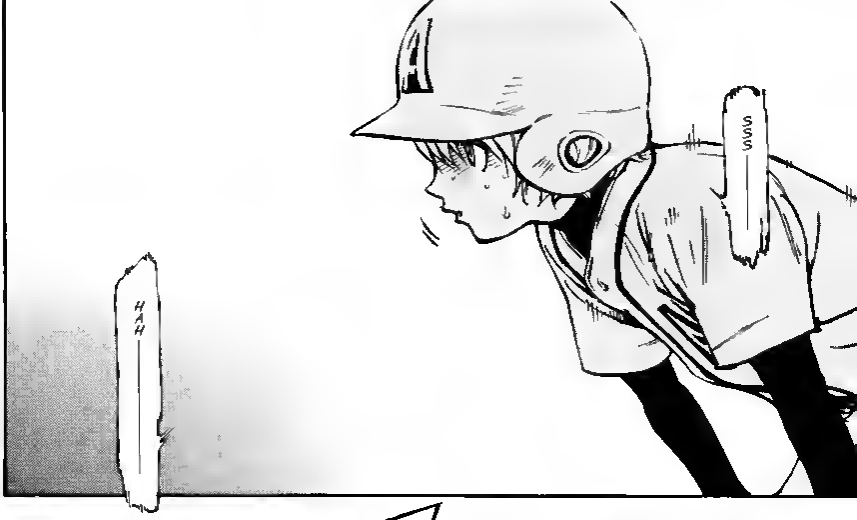
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HAH

IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU PERFORMED POORLY IN THE FIRST COUPLE OF INNINGS.

CHILL OUT, NISHIOKA.
THAT FIRST YEAR...

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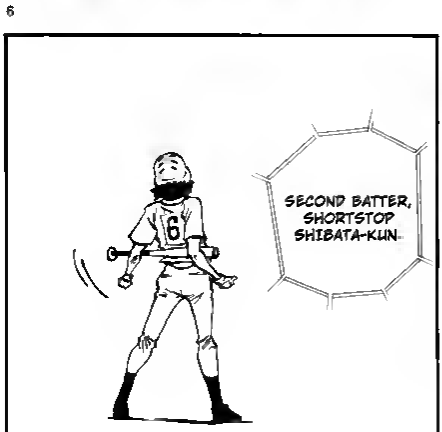
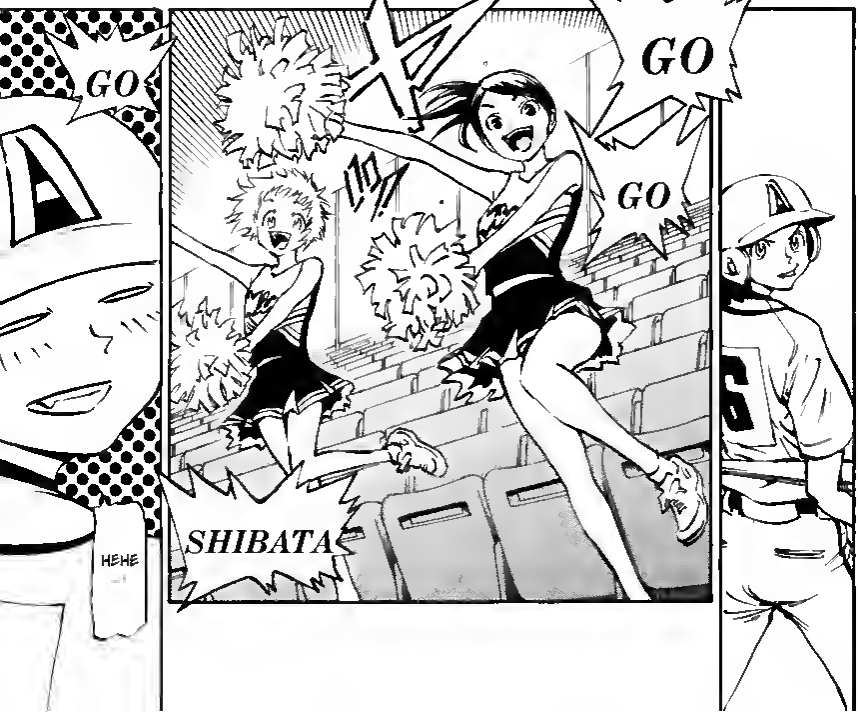

SECOND BATTER, SHORTSTOP SHIBATA-KUN.

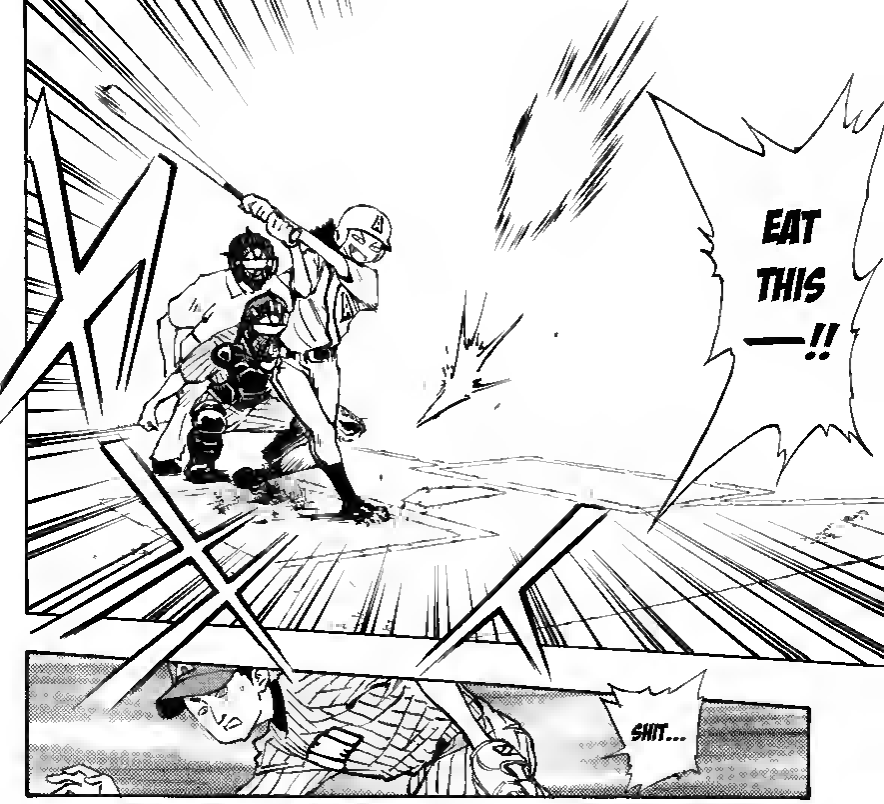
I KNOW I KNOW
BUT I'M IN GREAT CONDITION TODAY!!

ALL THE MORE DANGEROUS WHEN HE SAYS THAT.

IF WE AIM FOR THE RIGHT FIELD, EVEN AN AVERAGE HIT WOULD ALLOW UKYOU TO ADVANCE WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!
THEIR PITCHER CAN'T CONTROL THE BALL VERY WELL YET, IT'S A GREAT CHANCE FOR US TO ADVANCE.

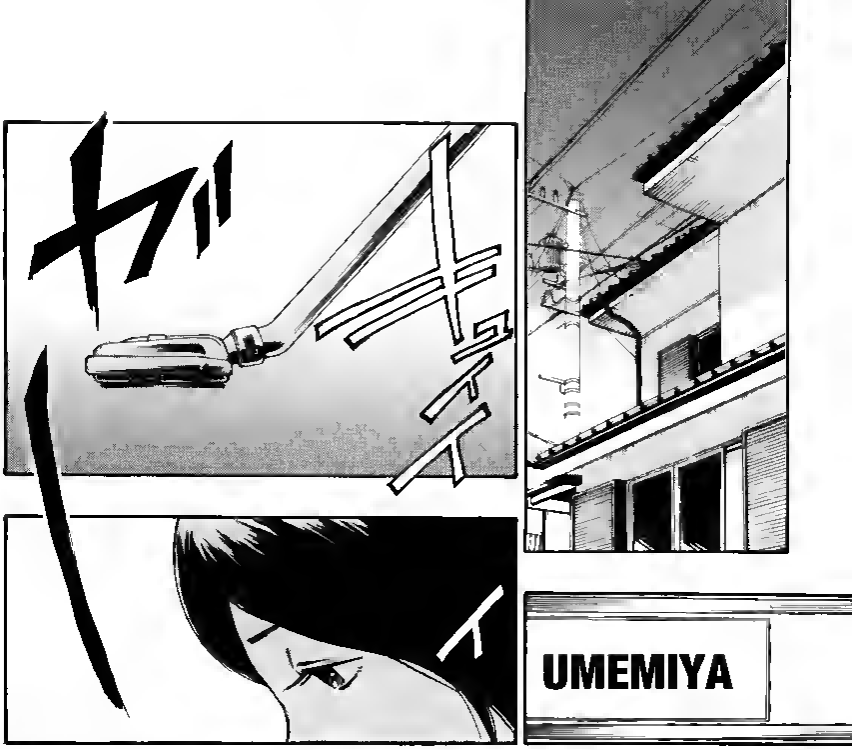
SWING HARD, SHINNOSUKE!
IF YOU CAN MAKE CONTACT,
IT'S NOT WORTH IT IF YOU TRY FOR A BUNT AND END UP WITH ONE OUT.

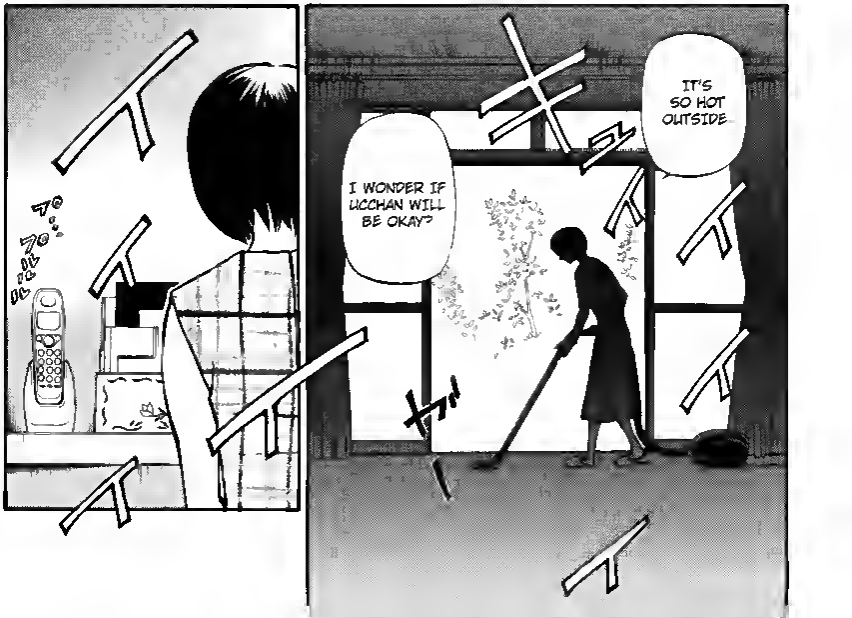

GO
GO
GO
SHIBATA
HEHE

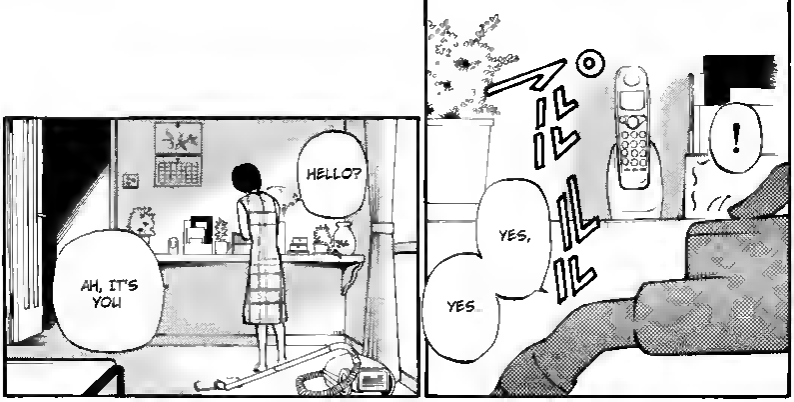

EAT THIS —!!
SHIT...

GREAT JOB, SHINNO-SUKE!

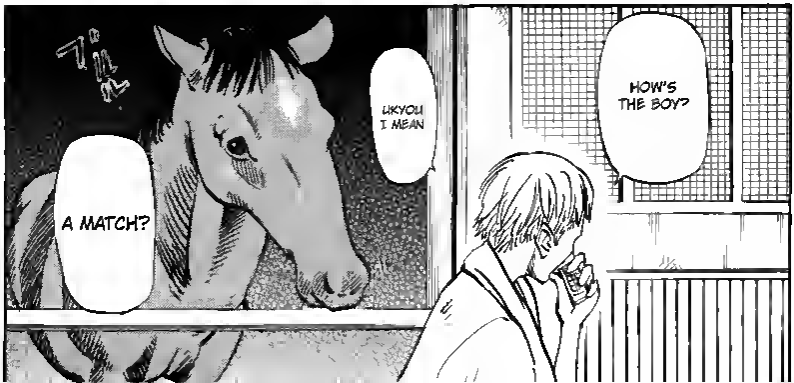
WHEN YOU SEE GIRLS,
YOU DO SO MUCH BETTER!
WE MIGHT JUST
MAKE IT!
HAH
YOU STRIKE
YOU WIN!
HAH


UMEMIYA

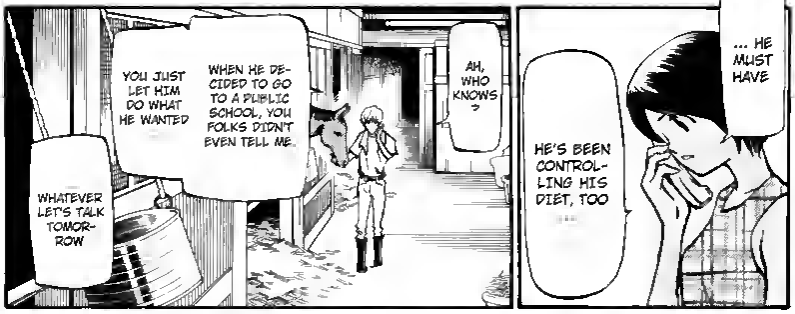

IT'S SO HOT OUTSIDE
I WONDER IF UCCHAN WILL BE OKAY?


HELLO?
AH, IT'S YOU
YES,
YES
!

I'LL BE BACK TOMORROW


HOW'S THE BOY?
UKYOU I MEAN
A MATCH?

HAS HE BEEN PREPARING FOR HIS TRYOUT NEXT MONTH?
SHEESH... BASE-BALL?


WHATEVER LET'S TALK TOMOR-ROW
YOU JUST LET HIM DO WHAT HE WANTED
WHEN HE DE-CIDED TO GO TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOU FOLKS DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME.
AH, WHO KNOWS ?
HE'S BEEN CONTROL-LING HIS DIET, TOO
... HE MUST HAVE

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DON'T OBSESS OVER YOUR PAST DREAMS AND CHILDHOOD PROMISES...
IF YOU'RE SO WORRIED, WHY NOT ASK HIM YOURSELF...
SHEESH, BOYS.
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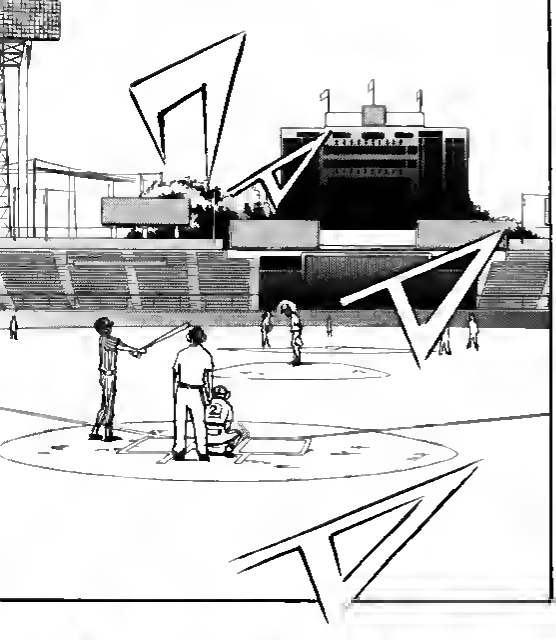
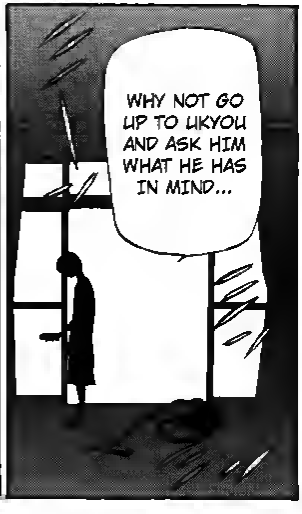
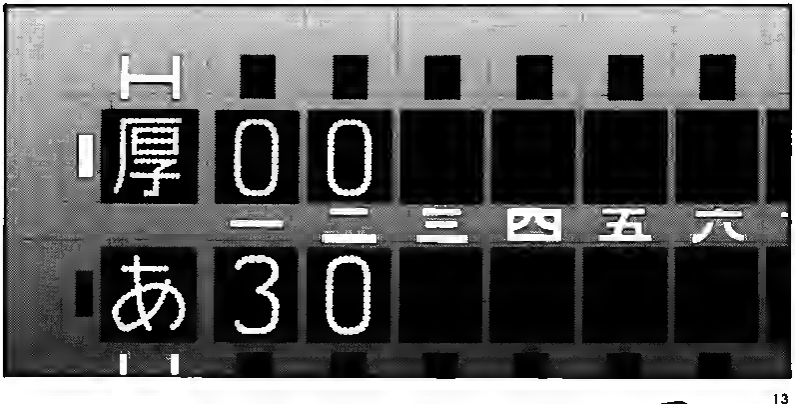



WHY NOT GO UP TO UKYOU AND ASK HIM WHAT HE HAS IN MIND...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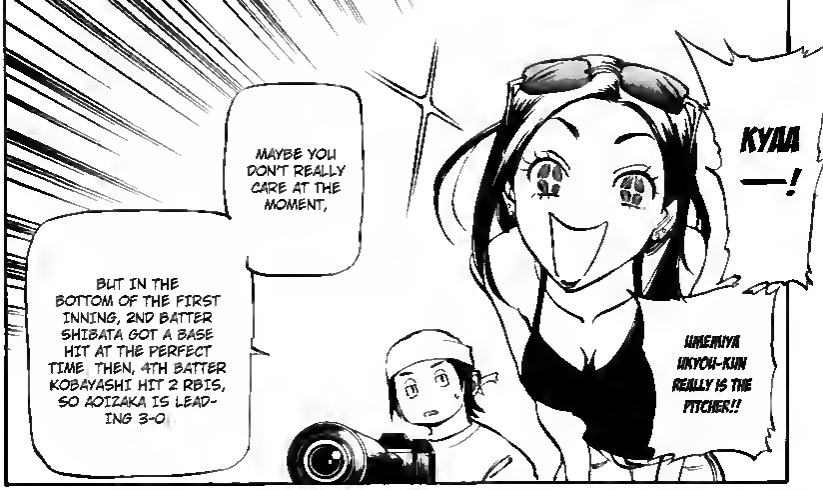
YOU'RE SO SLOW, MAKI-SAN.
GODDAMMIT— THE STREETCAR STOPPED RUN-NING!


KYAA —!
UKEMIYA UKYOH-KUN REALLY IS THE PITCHER!!
MAYBE YOU DON'T REALLY CARE AT THE MOMENT,
BUT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST INNING, 2ND BATTER SHIBATA GOT A BASE HIT AT THE PERFECT TIME. THEN, 4TH BATTER KOBAYASHI HIT 2 RBIS, SO AOIZAKA IS LEADING 3-0

WE'RE IN TOP OF THE 3RD INNING RIGHT NOW, AND ATSUMI'S ON THE OFFENSE WITH TWO OUTS...
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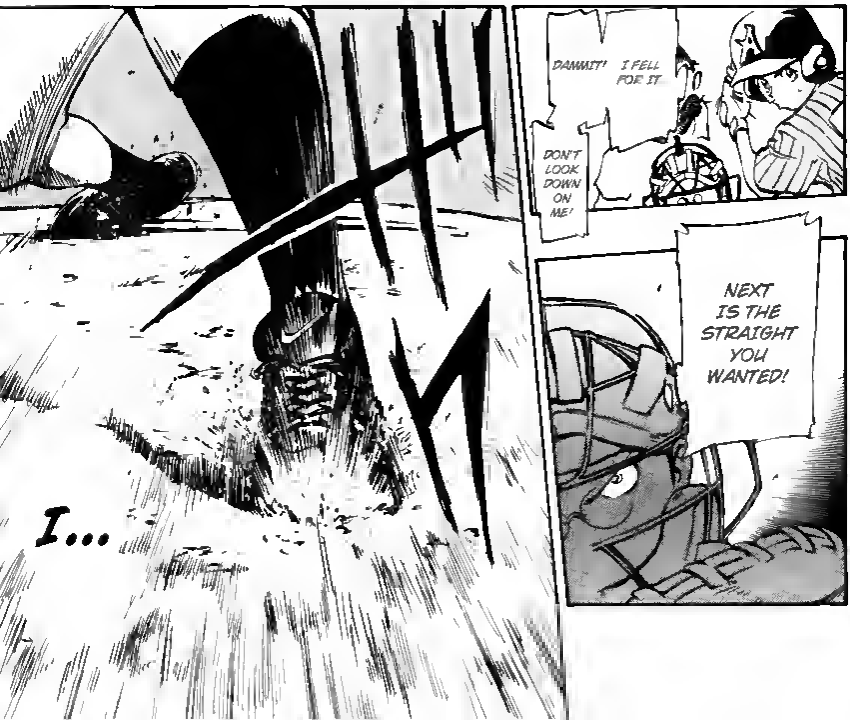
KYAA— UKYOH—!!
ON FIRST BASE IS KUBO WHO HAD A BASE HIT
KYAA— UKYOH —!!
GEEZ, SHUT UP...

I HAVE TO REPAY HIM FOR THE HUMILIATION OF THAT FAILED BUNT LAST TIME!
SINCE KEIJI IS ON FIRST BASE, THEY'LL WANT TO PREVENT HIM FROM STEALING BASE. SO THEY'LL AIM FOR A PITCH OVER THE PLATE.
SO I'LL SWING FOR A STRAIGHT.
RUNNING THE BASES SO HARD... HE MUST BE REALLY CONFIDENT IN HIS PHYSICAL CONDITION...

!?
STRIKE!!
FIRST PITCH IS A CURVE?
THERE ARE TWO OUTS ALREADY FORGET ABOUT KUBO, JUST FOCUS ON STRIKING THIS ONE OUT

TWO CURVES IN A ROW!?
STRIKE TWO!!
SCARY ....
THIS BATTERY..

NOT YET.
NOT YET...
FLICK


DAMMIT! I FELL FOR IT.
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!
NEXT IS THE STRAIGHT YOU WANTED!
I...

I WANT TO PLAY BASEBALL!
STRIKE THREE, YOU'RE OUT!!

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CURVE, THERE'S NO WAY YOUR EYES WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH A FASTBALL...
ONLY 3 PITCHES AND I'M OUT
DAMN-IT!
AWESOME JOB, UKYOU!
NICE PITCHING ~ NICE PITCHING ~!!
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THANKS
HERE YOU GO, KEIJI
HOLD ON.
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THAT THEIR PITCHER IS OUT OF STAMINA.
GO TELL THE COACH.
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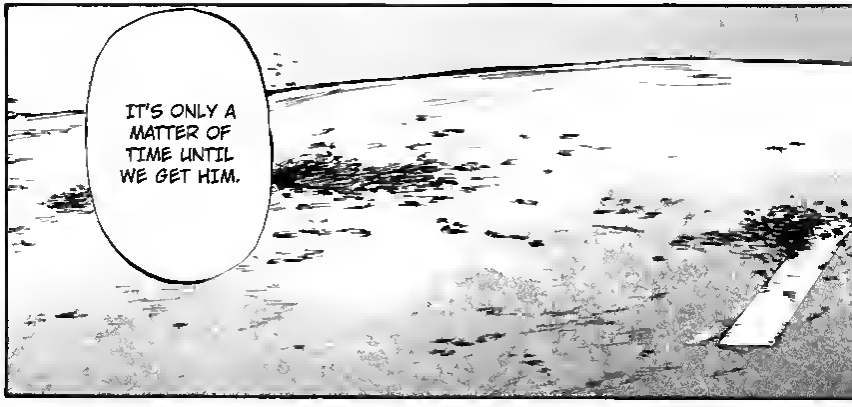
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE GET HIM.

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RANT ON A BLACK PAGE WITH A RED STROKE!

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